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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/48/825/Add.1)]

48/245. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission Uganda-Rwanda

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission Uganda-Rwanda 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 846 (1993) of 22 June 1993, by which the Council established the United Nations Observer Mission Uganda-Rwanda for an initial period of six months, until 21 December 1993, subject to review every six months,

Bearing in mind also Security Council resolution 872 (1993) of 5 October 1993, by which the Council established the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda and approved the proposal of the Secretary-General that the Observer Mission should be integrated within the Assistance Mission,

Bearing in mind further Security Council resolution 891 (1993) of 20 December 1993, by which the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Observer Mission for a period of six months until 21 June 1994 and noted that the integration of the Observer Mission within the Assistance Mission was purely administrative in nature and that it would in no way affect the mandate of the Observer Mission as set out in Council resolution 846 (1993),

Recalling its decision 48/476 of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the Observer Mission,

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1/ A/48/636.

2/ See A/48/908.

Recognizing that the costs of the Observer Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Observer Mission, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observer Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Reaffirms its resolution 48/227 of 23 December 1993 and stresses the need for the Secretariat to submit budget documents in time in order to allow for a proper and thorough review and approval by the General Assembly of the budgets before their implementation;

2. Notes with satisfaction an improvement in the compliance by the Secretariat with certain resolutions of the General Assembly with regard to the form of budget documents concerning peace-keeping operations;

3. Reaffirms the importance of the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as an advisory body to the General Assembly in the budget process;

4. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee; 2/

5. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission Uganda-Rwanda promptly and in full;

6. Affirms that it expects that it will not be asked to take any future decisions on budgets for peace-keeping operations retroactively;

7. Decides that the special accounts for the Observer Mission and the Assistance Mission shall be integrated for purely administrative purposes;

8. Decides also to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda a total amount of 3,642,300 United States dollars gross (3,557,400 dollars net) for the operation of the Observer Mission for the period from 22 June to 21 December 1993;

9. Decides further, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 3,642,300 dollars gross (3,557,400 dollars net) for the period from 22 June to 21 December 1993 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and its decision 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994 as set out in Assembly resolutions 46/221 A of 20 December 1991 and 48/223 A of 23 December 1993 and Assembly decision 47/456 of 23 December 1992;

10. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 84,900 dollars for the period from 22 June to 21 December 1993 approved for the Observer Mission;

11. Invites voluntary contributions to the Observer Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991.

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